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"When You Cease To Make Contribution, You Begin To Die."-----*Eleanor Roosevelt*

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DE GUSTIBVS NON EST DISPUTANDUM

De gustibus non est disputandum, or *de gustibus non disputandum est*, is a Latin maxim meaning "In matters of taste, there can be no disputes" (literally "about tastes, it should not be disputed/discussed"). The phrase is commonly rendered in English as "There is no accounting for taste(s)." The implication is that everyone's personal preferences are merely subjective opinions that cannot be right or wrong, so they should never be argued about as if they were. (Wikipedia)

Every collection reflects the uniqueness that each person brings to the hobby. It embodies the individual's personal tastes, preferences, and perspectives. Often a collection contains a summation of the personal journey a collector takes in life and the hobby.

Often as collectors, we encounter people who question our collecting choices and investment of time and money. They may try to tell us that something else is "hot," a better investment, popular, etc. Following trends is the safe way of doing things but is not necessarily satisfying.

My advice for you, my fellow hobbyists, is to continue the journey as you like and not worry about the opinions of others.

Looking back to 2017, we had a very successful Seminar in September. The Seminar was well attended. The attendees enjoyed the presentations.

Another success was the number of contributors to the newly established '**Jon Maria Marish / O. L. Wallis Legacy (Memorial) Fund**'. Our Editor has a full updated report, elsewhere in this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, for the success and status this newly established Fund.
Thank You, Donors!

Congratulations to **Sally A. Johnson**, NCNA's 2017 recipient of "*The Miller Medal*." Sally received the award for her many years of dedicated effort to numismatics and the San Jose (California) Coin Club. She has served in most of the appointed and elected positions of the club. Her other numismatic efforts extend beyond her local club through her involvement as a coin show volunteer and organizer, guest presenter, and contributor to California State Numismatic Association CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST.

I would welcome written nominations for the 2018 "*Miller Medal*". Please submit whom you believe has earned this esteemed honor directly to me at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or my email: lchanfizx@aol.com. Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2018.

Looking ahead, there is 2018 NCNA Numismatic Seminar with the theme "*Why Collect These?*" We have an eclectic list of speakers who will entertain you with their own adventures in numismatics. The confirmed three presenters and details are announced elsewhere in this issue. Please consider attending and enjoying, plus learning at, this September 15, 2018 Fifth Annual California Numismatic Seminar.

Enjoy Your Hobbies!

'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Thank You!

As can be read further in this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, the response has been 'more than most gratifying' to the newly established 'Jon-Maria Marish / O.L. Wallis Legacy (Memorial) Fund', for as 2017 ended, this 'Fund' had received in donations, \$4,498.00! An amount never even thought possible in my wildest dreams and hopes!

When it was learned that Dr. Jon-Maria Marish was terminal, visiting her, my inquiry was what she would enjoy for the hobby, our hobby, which has meant so much for her. Her reply was simple: doing something to attract and to enhance our hobby.

Tough. Really, Tough. How could her hope be materialized? Pondering this question and her request, my initial decision was to raise some funds and make a donation, in her name, plus adding my great mentor name, the late O.L. Wallis (1920—2013), to an organization, whatever or wherever.

But, the response was explosive: from donations of \$5.00 to \$500.00, individuals and a few coin clubs answered her hope, and the 'Fund' evolved quickly for something here, right here in Northern California, doing something to attract and to enhance our hobby.

The total amount raised to date gives the funding to achieve her hope. So far, aids toward novice and young hobbyists have been expended. Thanks to the appeal by our Secretary Donald L. Hill, a monumental contribution of foreign coins has been received. Its volume is simply stupendous!

What does this show? Clearly that around Northern California, along with two generous Canadians, there is support for our hobby and for its tomorrows.

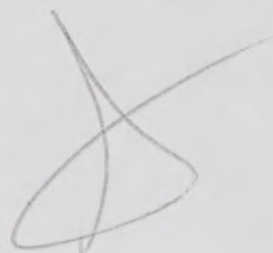
The great asset of this 'Fund' is that it is for our hobby here in Northern California. The contributions from those prove that asset. The further another great asset is that the 'Fund' has sparked interest and support toward our hobby.

True, most all donors wanted to give now. Each donation is informed to Dr. Jon-Maria Marish.

But, also true, the hobby, our hobby, is the winner. A simple wish has grown, and hopefully, continues to grow, doing something to attract and to enhance our hobby.

Closing, to those who gave, and to those who might give, **THANKS! God Bless!**

Ending, let this saying, gathered from an unknown source, be my appreciation and lesson to you all: **"You Get Most Things In Life Not By Taking But By Giving."**



Fifth (5th) Annual
CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR
Saturday, September 15, 2018
Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
734 Marin, at Capital in downtown, Vallejo, California
Registration Opens: 8:30 AM
Theme: 'Why Collect These?'
FREE Admission and Museum Open To All Attendees!
Door Prizes, Too!

The theme is an outgrowth of the discussions generated during prior four Seminars. This year's theme, again, strives to enlighten and to enhance one's numismatic enjoyment.

NCNA is proud to announce these three confirmed presenters:

Scott E. Douglas *from Acton, Ontario, Canada*
Tentative Topic: 'Hudson Bay Tokens and Numismatics'

Scott D. 'SI' Griffin, *from Suisun City, California*
Topic: TBA

Dr. David S. Goya, *from San Mateo, California*
Tentative Topic: 'PPIE: Panama-Pacific International Exposition'

Invitation has been extended to **Gregory S. Burns**, *of Claremont, California* as the fourth presenter. As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, final confirmation is pending; but, Greg seems interested. His tentative topic would be 'Goetz's LUISTANIA Medals'.

Sidebar: The Seminar's venue, the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, has on loan an excellent array of Goetz's LUISTANIA Medals; these would be on exhibit during Greg's presentation.

Updates would be posted on www.solanocoinclub.com, and the May 2018 NCNA HEADS AND TALES shall have provide other specifics. Door Prizes and a simple on-site lunch service would be added to the all-day Seminar. In addition, the four presenters would be videoed. Videos would be available afterwards at a nominal charge.

Your Association is proud that these devoted and recognized coin celebrants have accepted and are preparing insights as to alternatives and options for collecting, other than standard coin holders or albums or series. Their balance in scope of interest would enthrall any coin hobbyist.

2018 Seminar Patron

Continuing the successful 'Patron' program and appeal from the prior Seminars, your Association seeks and solicits 'Patrons' at these two (2) levels:

GOLD MINER	\$100.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar Engraved 'Token of Esteem'
PROSPECTOR	\$50.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted At Seminar

It is hoped this generous support would build the Association's Treasury and insure solid financial funding for future Seminars.

'Patrons' are now being accepted and should be mailed to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Include your name and responding contact. All 'Patrons' would be recognized at and during the 2018 Seminar and in its printed program.

Note: Those 'Patrons' at the 'Gold Miner' level would be generously matched, by a 'dear friend of NCNA', 'dollar for dollar': \$100.00 being doubled to \$200.00!

2018 Dues

Attached with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is your 2018 Dues Notice, if dues not already prepaid or a Life Member. Needless to say, prompt payment would be appreciated. Dues rates remain: \$5.00 for Individual Members and \$10.00 for Club Members. Remittances may to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

Membership Cards are no longer issued.

New members are most welcome to join. Application procedure is quite simple: payment with name and mailing address, that's it

Request: Over the years, it is apparent that most all our Individual Members have email addresses. The efficiency in reminders, and promotion for the Seminar, as an example, would be greatly increased. Please add with you dues response your email, if you wish. *Thanks!*

'Jon-Maria Marish/O.L. Wallis Legacy Fund'

This special fund was created during 2017 in respect and in remembrance for two active northern California coin celebrants. As the request of Dr. Jon-Maria Marish, who is battling terminal issues, the fund would be dedicated to *'assisting and aiding numismatic education, including youth activities'*.

As of December 31, 2017, both NCNA and its esteemed President 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan are proud to report, thanks to generous donors, a total of **\$4,498.00** has been collected! This amount was kindly raised by cash donations of \$5.00 to \$500.00, plus donations received from Canadians!

Already funds have been expended toward Dr. Jon-Maria Marish's hope. At local northern California coin shows, during the second half of 2017, magnifiers with lanyards and coin wallets were distributed, in gratis, to youthful attendees. The Show enjoying this benefit were the August 2017 Fairfield Coin Club's Show, the September 2017 Livermore Valley Coin Club's Show, the October 2017 Diablo Numismatic Society's Show and Delta Coin Club's Show, plus the November 2017 Peninsula Coin Club's Show.

In addition, thanks to a most generous 'in-kind' contribution, starting in 2018, youth activities at coin shows could include a 'foreign coin dig', 'Treasure Chest'.

The response and enthusiasm toward this Fund has been most gratifying, and certainly a fitting testimonial to the two individuals named.

These following northern California local coin clubs contributed:

**DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB
VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

**DELTA COIN CLUB
REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB**

Individuals include:

**DONALD L. HILL and EARLENE MILLIER
STEPHEN P. WOODLAND (Canada)
JOHN D. LOZANO
PAUL R. JOHNSON (Canada)
MICHAEL C. JORDAN
'Chuck' LUDVIK
MATTHEW K. FRAZIER
SCOTT D. 'SI' GRIFFIN
DONALD R. BARSİ
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'Al' LO**

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BRIITA EHLERS**

Added to these aforementioned coin clubs and individuals----*eleven who are not NCNA Individual Members*----there were a few 'Anonymous' donors.

NCNA certainly encourages additional contributions. Also, this Fund has evolved into *IN MEMORIAM/In Memory/In Remembrance Fund* to which donations could be placed in respect and for honor to a deceased fellow hobbyist. All Donations would be acknowledged (or may be anonymous). Mail donations directly to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410.*

2017 Miller Medal

The Association's most esteemed and coveted honor, the '*Ron Miller Memorial Award*', '*The Miller Medal*', for 2017 was bestowed upon **Sally A. Johnson**, of San Jose, California. The actual presentation was by Fred Davis, serving for our Association, at the San Jose Coin Club's December 13, 2017 meeting.

At this same meeting, San Jose Coin Club's President Dean Birge was honored with a respected '*Donnell Award*'. Fred Davis, in respect for his many years of service to South Bay local coin clubs, was also honored with a NCNA '*President's Medal*'.

Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is a roster of '*Miller Medal*' recipients.

Written nominations for the 2018 year are due by/before June 30, 2018. Requests for guidelines and criteria can be learned via your Editor.

Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member) is available. Requests, in writing, are directly to '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410**' or at **EMPERORI@juno.com**. Only written requests, with specifics, are honored. The request must include the full proper name of the individual and the date to be bestowed. Retroactive awards are not allowed.

While presently there is no charge for '*Donnell Awards*', these are limited to a two (2) maximum per calendar year per requesting Club Member, and a nominal donation of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation as well as any mailing and handling. **Note:** The Awards Coordinator for our Association is Your Editor and Treasurer.

Coin Show Schedule

The single most useful and popular of NCNA's services, the latest Coin Show Schedule has been included with this issue, and Club Members may request complimentary copies to distribute and to share among their members or at a local coin club's show. Contact Your Editor.

Depending on date request was received, at least fifty (50) copies would be provided, in gratis.

NCNA and San Jose Coin Club

Have joined together and are coordinating an Educational Forum during the San Jose Coin Club's Fiftieth (50th) Annual Coin and Collectibles Show, January 26, 27, and 28, 2018. The Forum, with the theme '*Having Fun With Coins*', has these three presenters: **Donald L. Hill**, '**Doctor**' **Lloyd G. Chan**, and **Alexander B. 'Xan' Chamberlain**. Their specific topic and title is not known as this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed; but, the theme would prove provocative, creating chuckles and a fun-approach to our 'world of money' hobby. The three presenters would encourage exchanges with attendees. Herbert Miles is the planned Moderator. Door Prizes are anticipated.

The Forum is on **Saturday, January 27, 2018, in the San Jose Room of the Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, California**. There is a nominal Show admission of \$4.00.

Benefactors toward this joint event are 'Xan' Chamberlain, James H. Laird, and Michael S. Turrini.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, 'Ron Miller Memorial Award', 'The Miller Medal'

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Note: The Miller Medar is presented and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), with a maximum of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944--1993), and it is NCNA's highest and most esteemed honor. The award is an engraved silver medal with a portrait of the late 'Ron' Miller plus a small walnut wall plaque. Nominations are called for each January with the selection by the NCNA's Board of Directors.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are \$15 each. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

- Jan. 26-28, 2018 **SAN JOSE.** San Jose Coin Club 50th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Doubletree Hotel (Bayshore Ballroom), 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose 95110. Bourse Chair: Dean Birge, P.O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150. Phone: 408-806-8825, Email: DeanBirge@yahoo.com Website: www.sanjosecoinclub.org **Admission \$4 (\$2 off with any Show advertising!)**
- Feb. 10-11, 2018 **SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO.** San Francisco Area Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco 94080. Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. **Admission \$4, \$2 off with coupon.** Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
- Feb. 16-17, 2018 **SANTA ROSA.** Redwood Empire Coin Club 50th Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 - Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves. **Admission \$1, under 12 free.**
- Feb. 18, 2018 **SAN JOSE.** "Cupertino" Coin Club 46th Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. **Admission: \$2 adults**, youth 17 and under free.
- April 6-8, 2018 **JACKSON. Western States Token Society (WESTS)** Merchant tokens, *exonumia* related collectibles. Mother Lode Shopping Center, Jackson, CA, Merle Avila (day-time) (707) 585-3711 merle@avilaarchitects.com
- April 20-22, 2018 **SANTA CLARA** CoinExpo Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp and Sports Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. **Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon.** Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
- Mar. 4, 2018 **LIVERMORE.** Livermore Valley Coin Club 56th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Jonathan Mitchell, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 954-5221.
- April 20-22, 2018 **SANTA CLARA** CoinExpo Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp and Sports Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. **Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon.** Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
- May 6, 2018 **VALLEJO.** Vallejo Numismatic Society 46th Annual Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo. Admission and parking are FREE! Bourse: Edwin Hoffmark, Jr., P O Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428 Phone: 707-642-8754.
- July 28-29, 2018 **FREMONT.** Fremont Coin Club 45th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538

- Sept. 15, 2018 **VALLEJO**. The 5th Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by The Northern California Numismatic Association. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Four speakers have been Scheduled: Scott E. Douglas, Acton, CANADA, Dr. David S. Goya, San Mateo, Ca., and Scott D. Griffin, Fairfield, Ca. A fourth speaker TBA. The "theme" for this year is "Why collect these?" Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "FREE" event and there will be free door prizes and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available. Updates: www.solanocoinclub.com. Questions: EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-246-6327
- Sept. 21-23, 2018 **SANTA CLARA** CoinExpo Santa Clara: Coin, Currency, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. **Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon**. Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585. Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
- Oct. 20, 2018 **STOCKTON**. Delta Coin Club 53rd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.